

Senate OKs 65 mph, outlaws fuzzbusters

AP — This could be the summer of 65. Depending on how fast the Legislature gears up after its spring break, Michigan could have a new speed limit law by Memorial Day.

Congress recently gave states the option of partially lifting the 55 mph limit. The state Senate jumped on the speedwagon Tuesday, voting 25-8 to boost the Michigan maximum to 65 mph on rural interstates and trim speeding penalties on some other highways.

"All we're trying to do is bring the law in conformity with the driving habits of Michigan," said Sen. Richard Fessler, R-West Bloomfield.

FESSLER, Transportation Com-

mittee chairman, was prime sponsor of the bill to boost the speed limit and the main opponent of a state police-backed drive to outlaw radar detectors.

All Observer & Eccentric area senators supported the bill on final passage.

In a surprise move, senators voted Tuesday to attach to the speed limit bill a provision making it illegal to own or sell radar detectors.

Last week, senators rejected Sen. Vernon Ehlers' attempt to ban radar detectors. It took two more ballots on Tuesday, but Ehlers, R-Grand Rapids, finally got the necessary 20 votes.

Sen. George Hart, D-Deerborn, whose district includes Garden City,

In a surprise move, senators attached a provision making it illegal to own or sell radar detectors — 'fuzzbusters.' But several senators opposed the bill because their freeways would be ineligible for the 65 limit.

condemned radar detectors as tools "for the white-collar law-breaker the legislators, the traveling salesmen. . . Shame on them for buying that equipment for the purpose of breaking the law."

"Why do we put more troopers on the road and then devise a way to make them ineffective?" asked Sen. Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph. "That's what the fuzzbuster does. Get rid of the fuzzbusters."

THE BILL would require the state to assess two points against the records of drivers caught with the devices. Four points would be assessed against drivers caught with the devices more than once.

After Fessler failed to block the ban, he asked the Senate to even the odds by outlawing police radar. Senators refused.

"I'm not turning mine in," said

fuzzbuster owner Fessler. "I would hope that the members of the House of Representatives remove that from the bill."

The radar detector ban was approved 20-11 after Sens. David Holmes and Jackie Vaughn, both Detroit Democrats, and Majority Leader John Engler, R-Mount Pleasant, changed their votes.

Engler said he has reservations about banning radar detectors, but some senators refused to support the higher speed limit without the ban.

"I wanted to make sure the bill was going to pass," he said.

Several senators from the western side of the state opposed the bill because their freeways have "U.S." rather than "Interstate" designations and would be ineligible for the 65 limit.

ENGLER ALSO was the architect of a successful move to reduce the penalty for speeding on some highways that aren't eligible for a 65 mph legal limit. If the House and Gov. James Blanchard go along with that plan:

• Trucks weighing more than 10,000 pounds would still be limited to 55 mph on all Michigan roads and highways.

• About 720 miles of rural interstate highway (portions of I-69, I-75, I-94, I-96, I-196 and I-275) would

have a speed limit of 65 mph for cars and light trucks.

• No points could be assessed against drivers caught going 55-65 mph on rural four-lane highways with the "U.S." designation. Drivers still could be ticketed and fined.

Engler said he sought the "no points" provision out of fear that northbound travelers would favor I-75 and cheat communities along other north-south arteries of some tourist dollars.

Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, was almost alone in speaking against a higher speed limit. She argued that the 55 mph limit has saved lives and the need to conserve energy remains.

"Oil conservation is still important," she said. "Our increasing dependence on foreign oil is not in the best interest of this country."

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION Committee chairman Curtis Hertel has promised his panel will consider the bill soon after the Legislature returns from its two-week spring break.

A House vote is expected April 29. "I think going from 55 to 65 (mph) is reasonable," said Hertel, D-Detroit. He said his committee will hold at least two public hearings but predicted the bill had enough House support for enactment.

New quarters for mental unit

Oakland County's Mental Retardation Center will get a \$302,000 remodeling under a contract approved by the Board of Commissioners.

New occupant of a corner of the building will be Community Mental Health Services, which has outgrown its quarters west of Telegraph Road in Pontiac.

The mental health office will move across Telegraph to an unoccupied wing of the Mental Retardation Center, which will be gutted and renovated, according to Glen Dick, director of central services.

THE MENTAL Retardation Center is north of the Executive Office Building and Medical Care Facility on the east side of Telegraph.

A.F. Bellisario Co. of Keego Har-

bor was low qualified bidder for the general construction contract of \$203,000.

The remaining \$99,000 will go for furniture, equipment, a consultant, maintenance and a contingency reserve.

Funds will come from the county's 1987 capital improvement budget.

IN OTHER business, the Oakland County board endorsed a state legislative measure (House Bill 4022) to prohibit armor-piercing bullets.

The bill would prohibit manufacture, sale or possession of exploding bullets and those containing large amounts of brass and steel.

Sheriff John Nichols recommended support of the bill.

Skillman grant aids zoo's chimp house

The Skillman Foundation, the metro area's largest private foundation, announced it will give \$500,000 toward construction of a new \$7 million chimpanzee exhibit at the Detroit Zoo.

The grant is among the two largest received to date by the Zoological Society's chimpanzee exhibit campaign.

The Skillman Foundation, founded in 1960 by the late Mrs. Rose P.

Skillman, emphasizes youth, education and cultural arts in southeastern Michigan.

Its \$500,000 gift to the Zoological Society, a private organization not connected with the city of Detroit, raises the total amount pledged to the chimp campaign to some \$4.9 million. The city committed \$2 million revenue bond and a \$250,000 appropriation to the zoo's capital budget.

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